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¶1. (SBU) Embassy delivered reftel demarche on U.S. priorities for the Human Rights Council 12th Session on September 11. The recipient was the MFA desk officer responsible for the UN Human Rights Council, Sviatlana Tereverten. She thanked us for providing this information to the GOU in advance of the meeting. She could not commit the GOU's support to our draft resolution on freedom of expression, but promised to have it reviewed and send comments during the week of September 14.

¶2. (SBU) Tereverten underscored that Ukraine does not, as a policy, co-sponsor country-specific resolutions in the UNHRC. The EU has also solicited GOU support for the resolutions on Somalia, Burundi and Cambodia.

¶3. (SBU) Tereverten informed us that the GOU will not sponsor resolutions during the meeting. It too is committed to strengthening the HRC and will focus most attention on measures to build the capacity of the institution.

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